PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2006-198-W

APPLICATION OF PIEDMONT WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-704 (Supp. 2005), Piedmont Water Company, Inc. (the "Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement").

In support of its Application, the Company asserts that it owns and operates a water supply and distribution system by which it provides potable water to residential users in Pickens County, South Carolina ("System"). D. Reece Williams, IV, ("Seller") and Stan Brown ("Purchaser") have entered into the Agreement, dated January 13, 2006, by which the Seller would sell and transfer to the Purchaser his ownership interest in the Company consisting of one hundred percent (100%) of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's stock. Further, the Application reveals that the approval of the Agreement will enable the Purchaser to assume operational responsibility for the System and to undertake the responsibilities to comply with existing regulatory requirements. The Company opines that public convenience and necessity will be best served by approval of the Agreement.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Robert T. Bockman, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Robert T. Bockman, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 on or before **September 1, 2006**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-198-W*.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **September 1, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-198-W*.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 1**, **2006.** *Please refer to Docket No.* **2006-198-W.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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